

2 Dems Hit Nomination of Bush for CIA

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Washington, Dec. 16 (News Bureau)—Two Democratic presidential possibilities, Sens. Frank Church (Idaho) and Henry M. Jackson (Wash.), objected today to George Bush's nomination as CIA director because Bush re-



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Presidential possibilities

fused to rule himself out for a possible GOP vice presidential nomination next year.

In two days of hearings before the Senate Armed Service Committee, no one has questioned Bush's ability or integrity. The main objection — mostly from Church — was that Bush, as a former Republican national chairman, is too "political" for the nonpartisan post.

Church, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that Bush should "at least be willing to withdraw as a vice presidential candidate." But Church said he still would not vote for Bush even if he did pledge not to run next year — when the field of Democratic presidential candidates is expected to include Church.

Sen. Tower's Suggestion

Sen. John G. Tower (R-Tex.), Intelligence Committee vice chairman, suggested to Church that the intelligence panel's CIA investigation might have more credibility if Church gave up his presidential ambitions.

Jackson was concerned that Bush might serve as CIA director for only about six months, until the Republican convention in August 1976, quitting after a possible vice presidential nomination. Jackson, a former Democratic national chairman, said he turned down Richard Nixon's offer of secretary of defense because of his own partisan activity. Jackson stopped short of saying he would vote against Bush, however.

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), a Bush opponent, conceded that there are not enough votes to block Bush's nomination in the Armed Services Committee.